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SUBJECT: OBSERVATIONS IN LOYANG AND SIAN

1. BRITISH STUDENTS FROM PEKING UNIVERSITY WHO HAVE JUST RETURNED TO PEKING AFTER VISITING LOYANG, SIAN, YENAN AND THEN SIAN AGAIN ON A SCHOOL-SPONSORED TOUR HAVE REPORTED THE FOLLOWING TO THEIR EMBASSY. (THESE ARE STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR STUDIES IN CHINA; THEY WERE PERMITTED TO COME TO PEKING FOR JUST LONG ENOUGH TO PACK. THE TOUR STARTED FROM PEKING IN LATE JULY, BEFORE THE JULY 28 QUAKE. THE REUTER PEKING BUREAU CHIEF, WHO ALSO RECENTLY VISITED SIAN, IS REPORTING SOME OF THE STUDENT'S OBSERVATIONS AS HIS OWN.)

2. LOYANG. BEFORE LEAVING PEKING ON THE TOUR, THE STUDENTS HAD BEEN TOLD BY PEKING UNIVERSITY CADRE THAT THE CLASS STRUGGLE IN LOYANG WAS PARTICULARLY ACUTE, AND THAT THEY WOULD BE ALLOWED TO TAKE NOTES FROM BUT NOT PHOTOGRAPH POSTERS THERE. AS IT TURNED OUT, HOWEVER, OFFICIALS IN LOYANG WERE UPSET THAT THE STUDENTS WERE EVEN TAKING NOTES; AND THE ACCOMPANYING PEKING UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL THEREUPON PRETENDED THEY HAD NEVER TOLD THE STUDENTS THEY COULD DO SO. CONTENT OF SLOGANS/ POSTERS: --ATTACKS ON LOYANG MULICIPAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE
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FOR FOLLOWING TENG HSIAO-PING' REVISIONIST LINE.

--ATTACKS ON HONAN PROVINCIAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN LI JUI-SHAN.

--REFERENCES TO "INCIDENTS" IN VILLAGES NEAR LOYANG
WHERE STICKS WERE USED.

--REFERENCES TO THE TIEN AN MEN INCIDENT AND THE "MAY 18
INCIDENT,"

--STATEMENT THAT CENTRAL DIRECTIVE NO. 12 OF THIS YEAR
WAS NO BETTER THAN CENTRAL DIRECTIVE NO. 17 OF LAST YEAR.

3. SIAN. THE ATMOSPHERE WAS DECIDELY TENSE, MUCH MORE
SO THAN LOYANG. ARMED PLA WERE KEEPING ORDER IN THE
CITY'S MAIN SQUARE, IN WHICH THERE WERE A GREAT MANY
POSTERS. THE STUDENTS TOOK COPIOUS NOTES DESPITE THE
DISCOMFORT THIS OBVIOUSLY CAUSED THEIR ESCORTS AND SOME
ONLOOKERS.

4. DURING BOTH STOPS IN SIAN, A MIDDLE-AGED MAN NAMED
LIU AN-CH'UAN WAS DRAWING CROWDS IN THE MAIN SQUARE WITH
SPEECHES DENOUNCING THE PROVINCIAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE
FOR MISTAKES MADE IN A FILM, "K'AI SHAN TI JEN"
(LIT., THE PEOPLE WHO OPENED UP THE MOUNTAINS), A FILM
WITH WHICH LIU HAD ALSO SOMEHOW BEEN INVOLVED.

5. MANY SLOGANS EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR "CONCRETE
ACTIONS" TO CRITICIZE TENG. MOST POSTERS, HOWEVER,
CONCERNED VARIOUS LOCAL GRIEVANCES, AND SEVERAL RE-
FLECTED RESENTMENT AT THE PRIVILEGES ENJOYED BY CADRE,
INCLUDING SOME OMD-TIME "REVOLUTIONARY REBELS" WHO HAD
COME INTO MUNICIPAL AND PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS
DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION BUT LATER SLIPPED INTO
A BUREAUCRATIC LIFESTYLE.

6. BUT THE SUBJECT THAT, JUDGING FROM THE LARGE NUMBER
OF POSTERS ABOUT IT, REALLY HAD SIAN IN AN UPROAR WAS
THE SENTENCING LAST YEAR OF A YOUNG APPRENTICE NAMED
WANG TO TWENTY YEARS IN PRISON FOR RAPE WHILE THE GIRL,
NAMED MAO, WAS ONLY SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS' LABOR
REFORM. THE POSTERS CHARGED THAT IT HADN'T BEEN RAPE
AT ALL (THE TWO WERE "GOING STEADY") AND THAT THE GIRL'S
FATHER, "MAO XX," AN OUTSIDER DESCRIBED AS "A CADRE WITH A
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CERTAIN POSITION IN SOCIETY," HAD FLOWN INTO SIAN AND SPENT THREE
MONTHS PERSUADING PROVINCIAL PUBLIC SECURITY AND OTHER OFFICIALS
TO BRING THE CASE TO COURT. THE POSTERS ALSO CHARGED
THAT NEITHER THE COURT WHICH HAD IMPOSED THE SENTENCE
NOR THE TRIBUNAL WHICH, FOLLOWING MASS PROTESTS, REVIEWED
IT HAD CONSULTED THE MASSES. ONE POSTER POINTED OUT
THAT THE CULPRIT IN A "REAL" RAPE CASE HAD RECEIVED
ONLY A THREE-YEAR SENTENCE. (MORE DETAIL IS AVAILABLE,

WE REPORT THIS MUCH ON THE OFF-CHANCE "MAO XX" THOUGH OBVIOUSLY
NOT MAO TSE-TUNG MIGHT TURN OUT TO BE AN IMPORTANT POLITICAL PER-
SONAGE.)
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